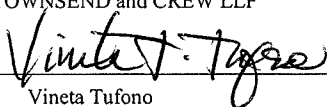


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Applicants are no longer entitled to claim small entity status, and therefore respectfully request that the entity status be changed to large entity for the above-referenced patent.

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